It's Sunday morning, it's 9:45 and you are listening to WUJC , 88.7 FM and that can mean only one thing. It's time once again for the English language portion of the Lithuanian Voice Radio Program. Good morning on this the 19th day of February, 1995. A special welcome to the Knights of Lithuania and their families.

As we prepare to celebrate later today the re-establishment of Lithuania's post-World War I independence, we are reminded of another related anniversary. This year is the 75th anniversary of the death of American Army Lieutenant Samuel J. Harris. In 1919 Harris joined the Lithuanian Army as a volunteer in the so-called American Brigade. In 1920, he saw combat in the fight to free the Aleksotas airfield near the Nemunas river. Harris was wounded by Russian soldiers and subsequently died on February 24th. His remains were interred in Arlington cemetery in Virginia and in 1922 Lithuanian-Americans donated a special monument there in his honor. The government of Lithuania honored Harris' mother with a medal and she flew a Lithuanian flag at her home in Shippensburg, PA. COURTESY OF ANTANAS DUNRILA, WASHINGTON

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HOUSE PASSES DURBIN/KNOLLENBERG AMENDMENT - A VICTORY FOR NATO INTEGRATION Striking a victory for the equitable expansion of NATO to the states of Central and East Europe, the US House of Representatives this week passed by a vote of 241 to 181, HR 7, The National Security Revitalization Act. Included in the final version of the bill was the Durbin/Knollenberg amendment, which extends NATO membership criteria to all European countries emerging from communist domination - including the Baltic states and removed language which gave Russia implicit veto power over NATO expansion.

HR 7 sends a clear signal to Russia that NATO integration will be open to all, thus denying Russia a "sphere of influence" over neighboring states.